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JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 4, 2009

Approved
3/04/2009

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Whitney Engeran-Cordova, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Carrie Broadus	Miki Jackson	Elizabeth Escobedo	Carolyn Echols-Watson
Lee Kochems, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Ron Osario	Ted Liso		Jane Nachazel
Kyle Baker	James Skinner	Rich Mathias		Craig Vincent-Jones
Jeffrey Goodman	Chris Villa	Ruel Nollado		
Manuel Negrete	Kimberlee Woods			
Dean Page				
Kathy Watt				

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Engeran-Cordova called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as amended (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve 7/2/2008 JPP Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
MOTION #3: Approve 9/3/2008 JPP Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

MOTION #4: Approve 11/5/2008 JPP Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

MOTION #5: Approve 1/7/2009 JPP Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** Mr. Goodman noted a *New York Times* article on the New York Attorney General's efforts to regulate insurance companies' erratic assessment of "reasonable and customary" rates. The Commission has referred this subject to the Health Care Reform Work Group.
6. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
 - Mr. Kochems said the first 14 pieces of legislation for review at the March 4th, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, meeting were in the packet. The California State Legislature deadline for the introduction of bills is February 27, 2009. All bills for review by the committee will be posted on the Commission's website prior to the meeting. Committee members will be notified and a link provided once the bills are posted on the Commission website. Committee members will be assigned bills to present at the meeting.
 - \$400 million is in the federal stimulus bill for HIV, STDs, viral hepatitis and TB, but the language is vague. Mr. Engerlan-Cordova said that consumers were sent to talk with House members about testing as the first step in care to ensure early diagnosis. Mr. Baker said Senate Democrats expect major parts of the bill to be cut in order to pass the bill and the public health funding sections remain at risk. Mr. Goodman recommended calls to legislators emphasizing public health funds create jobs.
 - Mr. Vincent-Jones said the Consumer Caucus identified committee representatives, including Mr. Negrete for JPP.
 - ➡ Agreed to add the federal budget to routine agenda items.
7. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**
 - A. **Membership Criteria:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported criteria should be available for discussion next month.
 - B. **2009 Committee Work Plan:** Mr. Kochems reported the Commission and Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) have worked on the plan. The JPP draft is being finalized. He will then take it to the PPC.
8. **STATE BUDGET:**
 - A. **State IOUs:** Mr. Vincent-Jones said the Board directed County Counsel to assess whether the County can withhold funds from the State since the State is issuing IOUs to counties. Meanwhile, the County does not want to expend IOU-based funds.
 - B. **FY 2008-2009 Budget:** There was no additional information.
 - C. **Governor's Proposed FY 2010 Budget:** There was no additional information.
9. **PUBLIC BENEFITS:** Julie Cross is out of state due to a family emergency.
 - A. **Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA):** There was no new information on when the Act might be re-introduced.
 - B. **Medicare Part D/TrOOP:** There was no information when TrOOP might be introduced; unlike last year, it had not been included as an amendment to SCHIP. While Senator Dashell was being considered for Secretary of Health and Human Services, stakeholders seemed to have been deferring discussions for the administration's lead. Now that he has withdrawn, issues like TrOOP may be raised independently
 - C. **Medicare Part B:** The program to help clients offset loss of Medicare Part B premium payments has been extended to February 28th. About 60 people have been helped to date. The program will end if there is no long-term solution by February 15th, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been unwilling or unable to approve one.
10. **RYAN WHITE REAUTHORIZATION:**
 - The Committee discussed organizations that are advocating for Reauthorization now. These organizations feel that reauthorizing now would save time and money. It is proposed there be increased attention to emerging populations and a shift to testing as a first step in care.
 - Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA), Transitional Grant Area (TGA) and the California Office of AIDS (OA) believe revising now does not provide sufficient time to achieve Congressional support for a revised version by September 30th. California is currently held harmless due to the immaturity of its reporting system, but could lose that status if the act was revised and now possibly resulting in a funding decrease.
 - Mr. Baker noted that, while there had been national discussions on how to address Ryan White, the focus has been on a three-year extension in 2010 of the Ryan White authorization. All California EMAs, TGAs and the OA support that position to

provide time for the case reporting system to mature. A Congressional joint resolution has been authored to by Assembly Member John Perez with others signing on to support the three-year extension.

MOTION #6 (Page/Negrete): Support the Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) (Perez-LA) calling for the Governor to communicate the state's support for a three-year extension of Ryan White legislation to the federal Administration. (*Passed: Ayes:* Baker, Goodman, Kochems, Negrete, Page, Watt; *Opposed:* Engeran-Cordova; *Abstention:* none).

11. HIV SURVEILLANCE:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones reported Kaiser is proposing "clean-up" language to SB 1184. The Los Angeles County and San Francisco public health departments are most likely opposed. Kaiser is a provider with its own laboratory. It has objected to reporting both provider and laboratory CD4s as required by SB 1184 and to re-reporting code-based cases by name.
- Dr. Frye supports initiation of a bill to make AIDS and HIV reporting consistent. AIDS case reporting became mandatory in 1984. HIV case reporting became mandatory with SB 699 in 2006. Reporting information, penalties, and how information is used differ between the two required report methods.
- There was agreement it would be difficult to obtain an author this year especially as SB 699 is so new, but could be a goal for the next legislative session year.

12. HIV/STD CONTROL IN THE ADULT FILM INDUSTRY:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones reported there are sponsors and the possibility of an author from northern or central California. A list of stakeholders supporting the bill is being prepared.
- Some revisions to the bill are being discussed. Mr. Kochems is providing the revised bill to PPC for information purposes. They have not taken a position.

13. PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES DOCKET: The docket is updated each month. It will go on the website in addition to inclusion in the packet. All pertinent bills go on the docket initially. Anyone noticing a bill missing should notify the office.

14. PREVENTION: Mr. Kochems will include in his PPC report a reminder that subjects of interest can be referred to JPP anytime.

15. CORRECTIONS: This item was postponed.

16. HEALTHCARE REFORM: This item was postponed.

17. WORK PLAN: There was no report.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

19. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.